

The Whole Truth

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"The law of truth was in his mouth and iniquity was not found in his mouth." MAL. 2:6. "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." JOHN 8:32.

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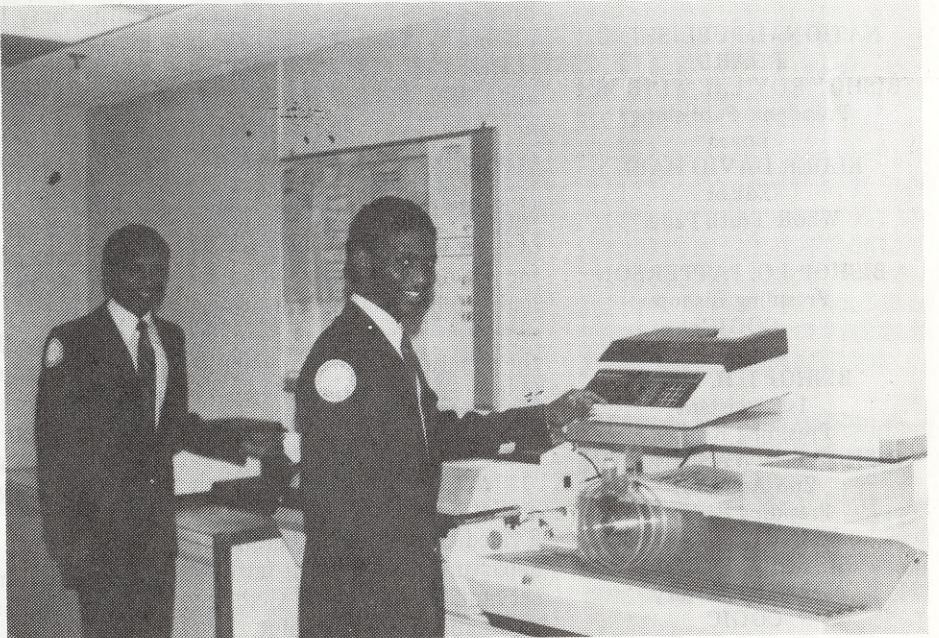
HEADQUARTERS OPENING A NEW MAIL ROOM

1986 has been a year of the unfolding miracle. Due to the foresight of our presiding bishop and the other general officers of the church, there is a functioning centralized mail center at the headquarters. In the life of an organization, centralized mailing and services which tie departments together are signs of growth. Elder A. Z. Hall announced the good news to the Whole Truth with a note of joy. He informed the paper that the equipment purchased to conduct the business is all Pitney Bowes. He stated, "the equipment is state of the art!" He went on to say the operation is highly efficient and the centralized system would save money, stop unnecessary duplication of services and wasted time. He envisions a time when the mail service will serve the saints that visit headquarters. Lastly, Elder Hall said the mail service is a direct result of the growing reality of the headquarters.

There are two very fine gentleman who work in the mail service center daily. Elder Kenneth Farmer and Mr. John D. Jenkins serve the church well.

Elder Farmer is a long time employee of the church. He was employed in the department of Mission for 10 years. Mr Jenkins is a native of Jacksonville, Florida and this is his first job with the church. Elder Farmer reflected how the mail center is an expanded ministry. In the past every department was responsible for their own mail. The decentralized operation was less efficient and expensive. The centralized operations is better and is a sign of our church's development. He stated, "all incoming and outgoing mail flow through this operation. No department need hire or worry about mailing." When asked about leaving the Missions Department He reflected, "I yet do things in missions. After 10 years that's where my heart is. I realized that managing the mail service for the church is a great honor and a tangible step in bringing ASU into being." Mr. Jenkin's feelings were the same and is pleased he has a job working for the Church of God in Christ.

The equipment purchased from Pitney Bowes is very impressive.

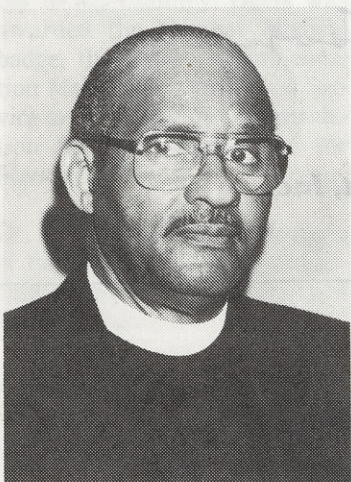


LEFT TO RIGHT: ELDER K. FARMER, MR. J. JENKINS



MR. J. JENKINS AND ELDER K. FARMER SERVING SAINTS

DAVIS RITES



BISHOP C. J. DAVIS

The nation was dismayed upon hearing of the sudden passing of Bishop Clarence J. Davis. Bishop Davis was a recently appointed prelate in the jurisdiction of California Northwest. November 11, 1985, he was consecrated with the largest college of candidates to be confirmed bishop. That was the 78th Holy Convocation and a month before the 79th, God called him home.

Services were held Monday,

October 6, 1986 for the Jurisdiction. The next day the national commemorative service was conducted. His Grace, Bishop J. O. Patterson, Sr. officiated. Members of the General Board of Bishops, Board of Bishops, Elders, Saints and Friends were in attendance.

Bishop Davis was distinguished in his ministry. His sudden loss can only be understood as God's will. The entire church anticipated years of continued service from this Man of God. He was likewise the pastor of Dr. Mattie McGlothen, General Supervisor of the International Women's Department.

The following is an obituary of this most splendid servant of God. Certainly, all shall be mindful and prayerful for the bereaved families, both natural and congregational.

Bishop Clarence Davis was born February 1, 1924, in Port Arthur, Texas, to the union of Levy and Loney Davis. He attended Public School in Port Arthur, Texas

The state of the art folding-insert machines, postal meters, scales and others machines are quick and efficient. The church's mail room is equal to any system in the mid south

and later attended night school to further his education. He did advanced studying at the Bible Way College in Chicago, Illinois.

Bishop Davis accepted Christ and the Baptism of the Holy Ghost in 1949, at the McGlothen Temple, under the leadership of the Bishop G. W. McGlothen Pastor, and late husband of the International Supervisor of Women, Dr. Mattie McGlothen. He served faithfully under the pastorage of Bishop McGlothen for 16 years. He served 10 years as Junior Pastor of the Youth Department of the Church and for six years as Assistant Pastor to Bishop McGlothen. In 1964, the late Bishop E. E. Hamilton appointed him pastor upon the demise of Pastor McGlothen.

His work in the church also included eighteen years as Superintendent of the Richmond Dis-

trict, Chairman of the State Finance Committee, Regional Superintendent in California Northwest Jurisdiction, Finance Chairman of the International Women's Convention, and over four years as Administrative Assistant to the late Bishop Milton Mathis who expired in 1985.

Saints everywhere should be glad to see the progress. The

area. In Memphis along, the Pitney Bowes salesman said no other system in the city is better.

Bishop Davis founded the Mt. Zion Church of God in Christ, in 1972.

Bishop Davis was a servant of God and the people. He was an anointed man of God and a humanitarian, always visiting hospitals and the shut-ins and showing concern about the conditions of the poor and underprivileged. He has encouraged and trained many ministers and through his ministry, many souls have been saved. He was active in religious and civic

reality of ASU and Saint Center is taking shape in various ways. Hats off and God's blessing to the leadership and employees at the headquarters.

organizations.

Following the demise of Bishop Milton Mathis, Bishop Clarence Davis was appointed Jurisdictional Bishop of the California Northwest Jurisdiction of the Church of God in Christ, Inc., during a special service in Oakland, California, September 23, 1985. On November 11, 1985, Bishop Davis was consecrated at the 78th Holy Convocation of The Church of God in Christ, by our Presiding Bishop, the Bishop J. O. Patterson, Sr. Upon his consecration, Bishop Davis was given the Ecclesiastical name of James, whereby naming him Bishop Clarence James Davis.

Our beloved and faithful Bishop departed this life on Sunday afternoon, September 28, 1986, in San Pablo, California. He

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GUEST EDITORIAL

GOD HAS A MANTLE FOR YOU

by
Sister Clara Clemmons

In the second book of Kings, Chapter 2, there is an account of a relationship between Elijah and Elisha which I believe holds meaning for each of us, but especially for young people.

Now, Elijah was the president of a seminary. He had a school for young preachers which he had established for the preservation of true religion, amidst the general defection to idolatry in the land of Israel. When he knew that he was to be taken away from his students, he visited them at Gilgal, at Bethel, and at Jericho to give as it were a valedictory message before his departure. Elijah had a faithful servant Elisha, whom God had commanded him to anoint.

God called Elisha in a peculiar way. One day while passing by a field, Elijah was led to cast his mantle upon Elisha. In this action there was nothing at all to convey the intent for which it was done, nor did Elijah at the time utter a word in explanation. On the contrary, when he saw Elisha instantly running after him he said, "Go back... for what have I done unto thee?" But there was a secret power accompanying this act which took hold of Elisha's mind and life and from that time on he gave himself wholly to the purpose of the Lord.

Just like he had for Elisha, GOD HAS A MANTLE FOR YOU. There are four things you must keep in mind in order to receive this blessing that God has in store for you!

First of all, it is important to understand that God is more concerned about our availability than about our innate human ability. Elisha was not a member of the school of the prophets. He hadn't graduated from seminary. He was in the field plowing when God made choice of him. Surely, there were in the School of Prophets many who hoped to succeed Elijah in the prophetic ministry, but they would come to understand that Elisha had been invested with the anointing that the mantle symbolized.

Sometimes the person with the natural talent, with ability and training is by-passed because this ability is not put at God's disposal. He or she feels that the Church ought to seek out this talent, forgetting that it is God, not man, who makes the choice. So it is crucial that at all cost to keep the lines clear and be available to God.

The second thing is discerning the meaning of the mantle and having a sense of priority of values. Elisha understood that here was something that he needed to seek after. So he left his oxen and ran after Elijah,

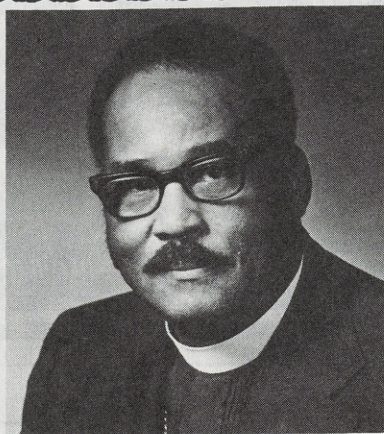
halting only long enough to bid his parents and friends good-bye. For he discerned with clarity, the fact that he had to receive from God's servant an understanding of the dream and the vision. His own investiture of power depended upon his sharing Elijah's ministry. Too many young people do not want to sit at the feet of our elders until the Lord can really equip them for service. Our false pride, our over estimation of self keeps us from staying where we ought to stay, until we can get what we need to get, to be what we ought to be.

The third thing that we ought to remember is that the mantle is caught as well as taught. When Elijah was taken up in a chariot of fire, horses of fire and reigns of fire; and he and Elisha were separated by a wall of fire, Elisha cried, "My father, my father, the chariot of Israel and the horsemen thereof!" As he watched him disappear he saw floating down the mantle in which Elijah had wrapped himself was the same mantle which Elijah had smote the Jordan, and it divided. He remembered Elijah's question, "What shall I do for thee before I am taken from thee?" He remembered answering, "I pray thee let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me." He now realized that this mantle symbolized that double portion that Elijah had left for him. It was not only the lessons that had been taught that made the difference, but the mantle, the power, that he caught, for he picked up the mantle and smote the Jordan in the name of Elijah's God and the water divided for him as it had for Elijah.

When the sons of the prophets saw this, they said, "The spirit of Elijah doth rest on Elisha. And they came to meet him and bowed themselves to the ground before him. Fifty strong they pledged their allegiance to him and he became the head of the sons of the prophets. He had caught the mantle. He had perceived Elijah's vision. He had layed hold on the dream. He had experienced the anointing. He was equipped to use the power.

And finally, it is important to see that Elisha caught the mantle because he kept up with Elijah. At every step Elijah said to Elisha, "Wait here", but Elisha protested saying, "As the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee!" Nothing could keep him from his master's side.

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Bishop J. O. Patterson
Presiding Bishop
Church of God in Christ

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Dear Saints:

It is my prayer that God will bless you spiritually, physically and financially and that He will grant unto you long life and peace.

We have received of God's bounty and enjoyed the fruits of His land, but there is a dire need for a great spiritual thrust in the Church of God in Christ family. As we approach another Holy Convocation, I ask that you will join with me in prayer for a spiritual renewal for our Church.

My prayer for God's protection is with you at this time and I pray that you will continue to be blessed of the Lord with success in all your endeavors for Him.

Your Chief-servant,

J. O. Patterson

J. O. Patterson, Sr.
Presiding Bishop
Church of God in Christ, Inc.

ALL SAINTS UNIVERSITY

MAKE IT A REALITY

NATIONAL NEWS

COGIC CURATOR OF EDUCATION APPOINTED

Dr. Rudolph Davis of Columbia, South Carolina has been named to the position of Curator of Education with the Museum of African-American Life and Culture. His responsibilities include the design and implementation of art and history programs for schools, docent training, gallery tours, workshops, symposia, and outreach programs for people of all ages.

Davis holds a B.A. degree in art education from Allen University where he graduated summa cum laude with highest honors. While at Allen University, he was president of the Alpha Kappa Mu National Honor Society and the Art Club. He also maintained the highest average in Spanish and was listed in the 1965 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and colleges.

Upon graduation from Allen University in 1966, Davis was drafted by the U. S. Army where he was trained as a Medical Corpsman. During his stay with the Army, he served one year in the Republic of South Vietnam. Although he was trained as a Medical Corpsman, most of his tour of duty was spent working as a combat artist and illustrator with the 25th Infantry Division Information Office. As a combat artist and illustrator, Davis drew all of the illustrations and drawings at the division level. He created an original cartoon strip series "Xin Loi" which was published in the 25th Infantry Division's "Tropic Lightning" newspaper and "Lightning 25" magazine. Both publications were sent to every major United States military base throughout the world. For outstanding services to his Country, Davis was awarded the Combat Medical badge, three Army Commendation Medals for Meritorious Service and a Letter of Commendation for the Bronze Star for Meritorious Service.

Dr. Davis received his Master's of Education degree in art education from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.

Prior to enrolling at Texas Tech in August 1976, Davis worked in higher education and government. He was instructor of art at Allen University from 1970-1973, and was Assistant Professor of Art at Benedict College from 1975-1976. Both colleges are predominantly Black institutions and are located in Columbia, South Carolina. Between 1973 and 1975, Davis worked as Community Arts Education Consultant and Neighborhood Arts Coordinator with the South Carolina Arts Commission. He was the first Black to be named to these positions. As both a consultant and coordinator, Davis served as a field consultant in art education to local

schools in the State. He specifically administered the poets-in-the schools program, in-school concerts, and artists-in-residence program. Davis also served as a liaison between the commission and those people within the State of South Carolina who were not generally reached by or aware of its services.

During his stay at Texas Tech University, Davis served as an intern in Arts Administration at the National Endowment for the Arts in Washington, D. C. In 1978. As an intern, he worked in the Chairman's office where he was named assistant researcher and writer for phase one of the Nationwide Urban Recreation study with the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation. The study was to provide the United States Congress with a comprehensive review and report of the needs, problems, and opportunities associated with urban recreation in highly populated areas. Davis also worked as Economic Research Specialist with Comerciantes Organizados Mexican Americans (COMA) in Lubbock, Texas in 1979. As Economic Research Specialist, he assisted in the publication of a business newsletter and served as a liaison between the Chamber and Black American businesspersons. While at Texas Tech, Davis also assisted in organizing the first Black Arts Council in the area, the Lubbock Roots Historical Arts Council, and later served as its first director. The Council recently received a grant to provide a bronze replica which depicts the history of Blacks in the American West.

Davis also worked as a draftsman in the Electrical Engineering Department where he reproduced technical drawings for technical manuals, reports, papers, and dissertations. Many of the drawings can be seen in engineering publications throughout the World.

In May 1986, Davis received the Ph.D. degree in Fine Arts with concentration in arts administration and art education. The title of his dissertation is "Current Practices in Art for Elementary Teacher Preparation in Accredited Historically Black Colleges and Universities in the South." He is the first Black to receive an interdisciplinary doctoral program degree in fine arts from Texas Tech University. He is also the first Black to hold a doctoral degree in interdisciplinary studies in fine arts in the United States.

Dr. Davis is considered a leading art consultant. He has served as an art consultant to numerous minority art organizations on such matters as organizational structure, communications, pro-

gram development, constitution and by-laws, and funding.

Specializing in painting, drawing, and graphic design, Dr. Davis has exhibited in numerous non-juried, juried and competitive arts exhibits. He has held many one-man art exhibitions and is represented in many private collections.

Dr. Davis is an ordained Elder in the Church of God in Christ and is founder and director of Rapture International, Inc. He has also served as church secretary, Sunday School Superintendent and teacher, choir director, Boy's Club Director, National Young Peoples President, and Manager of the Progressive Gospel Singers. Before moving to Dallas, he was a member of the Ford Memorial Church of God in Christ where the Jurisdictional Bishop of Texas Northwest, Bishop William H. Watson, is the Pastor. He served as Director of Education, Dean of the J. E. Alexander Bible Institute and Dean of Education for Texas Northwest.

Dr. Davis is married to the former Jeannette Marie Baker of Lubbock, Texas. They have five lovely daughters: Cheryl, Mary Sue, Lilisa, Sonya, and Faith.

UNAC — 5 MUSIC: JOB WELL DONE!

As the adage goes, behind every great man stands a great woman, so it is also with the greatness of any endeavor and the endeavor in this instance is the Monday night pre-musical of UNAC—5 held in Houston, Texas this July. And the person behind the scene and responsible for the success of the musical, was none other than that gospel "song bird" Mrs. Bettye Ransom Nelson.

Bestowed this momentous task by our imminent UNAC chairman, Dr. Roy L. H. Winbush, Sis. Nelson from the beginning projected the energy and dedication necessary for the task.

Sis. Nelson and her staff, namely Carol Allen Simmons, Myra Allen Cormier and Min. Carl Pierce spent numerous hours in rehearsals and musicals. The time nor the length of meetings mattered, as sometimes the meetings lasted until the wee hours of the morning. Neither Sis. Nelson nor her staff showed any reservation as they went about performing the task of pulling together the nucleus of the UNAC choir. Tremendous efforts were exerted and expenses incurred by Sis. Nelson and her staff as they brought Dr. Mattie Moss Clark and Twinkie to Houston for a two-day musical extravaganza. This musical was attended by everybody who is a somebody in Houston music and was a blessing to all involved.

Rehearsals started in March and were greatly intensified as the Convention drew nearer. And in order to give the Convention the "family appeal" it subscribes to



MRS. L. A. WHITTLEY

LuVonia Allison Whittley, the eldest daughter of Supt. and Mrs. Bennie Allison, is the Minister of Music of the Corinthian Temple Church of God in Christ, where her father, Administrative Assistant to Bishop Louis Henry Ford, serves as pastor. Noted for having led the Corinthian Radio Choir through many successful recordings and concert performances, she has become known as one of the most

outstanding choir directors of this day and time.

LuVonia Whittley also serves as State Minister of Music of First Jurisdiction of Illinois. Leading a music department second to none in the Church of God in Christ, she coordinates music for all state conventions, conducts ongoing workshops and seminars, and sponsors the Annual Music Awards Convention. In June of this year the convention featured over 1000 singers and musicians from the 19 districts of First Jurisdiction, at which time Bishop Ford recognized her as one of the greatest organizers and youth leaders in the Church of God in Christ.

LuVonia Whittley serves as a Board Member of the National Music Department and as National Coordinator of the State Presidents and State Ministers of Music, under the direction of Dr. Mattie Moss Clark.

She works faithfully with the National Fine Arts Department, under the direction of Sara Jordan Powell, having served as a judge since the very implementation of the Fine Arts Competitions held in Memphis, Tennessee.

In addition to her gospel arrangements and compositions, LuVonia Whittley has written many articles on the music ministry, and she is the author of "A Concise Guide for the Church Choir Director". She has studied piano at the Chicago Conservatory of Music and music theory under Professor Charles Clency.

Holding a Bachelors and Masters Degree in language arts, LuVonia Whittley is employed by the Chicago Board of Education as a Teacher/Coordinator for the International Language and Studies Gifted Program at Morgan Park High School. She has received many recognition awards for her outstanding dedication in education. She is married to Robert Louis Whittley, Sr. They have two sons, Robert Jr. and David Todd.

Recently, LuVonia Whittley was appointed as Fine Arts Center Activities coordinator for the Historical/Cultural Museum and Fine Arts Center, a component of the Saints Center Complex, Church of God in Christ, Inc., Sara J. Powell, Executive Director.

The Fine Arts Department is planning for an orchestral performance for the Holy Convocation in November, 1987. If you are interested in becoming involved instrumentally, please contact: Mrs. LuVonia Whittley, 10101 South Princeton Ave., Chicago, Illinois 60628.

Joann Redd,

Reporter

GROUP OF THE EIGHTIES



THE CLARK SISTERS

The daughters of Gospel music's legendary Dr. Mattie Moss Clark, and a father who pastored a church, The Clark Sisters, Jacky, Twinkie, Dorinda, and Karen, hold a secure place of their own because of their distinctive tight harmony and vocal blend.

Twinkie, who co-produced their new album and is also a lead singer and the group's composer, arranger and key boardist, states flatly the group was greatly inspired, influenced and trained in the early years by Mother Mattie. Mattie has three gold records to her own credit, heads the music department for the 3-million-member Church of God in Christ and the Clark Conservatory of Music.

The Clark Sisters have been singing together since Karen, the youngest, was 3 years old and they stood her on a table to reach the microphone.

"Mama began training us as children and then we would sing with a choir or make a guest appearance in a church in Detroit," remembers Twinkie. "Then she would train us some more. I began playing when I was 10 and writing when I was 16. Mama turned the group over

to me as my writing developed."

And develop they did. As the only current all-female vocal group distinguished by their familiar perfect blend, the names they have performed with, read like the all-time CLARK SISTER BIO.

They went on to receive Ebony Magazine's Image Award for "Best Gospel Performance" with Twinkie also nominated for "Song of the Year" for "You Brought The Sunshine" against competition which included winner Gladys Knight for "Save The Overtime For Me."

However, the year's highlight was a Grammy nomination for their album "Sincerely" on Benson Records.

The Clark Sisters performed on the 1985 Grammy Awards telecast, were invited to perform by the City of Los Angeles at the Olympic Velodrome, appeared in the Kool Jazz Festival in South Hampton, Va., and on the 22nd edition of Essence Magazine's TV show.

In 1986 they have been guests of both the State Department in Washington, D.C. and the City of Los Angeles for the birthday

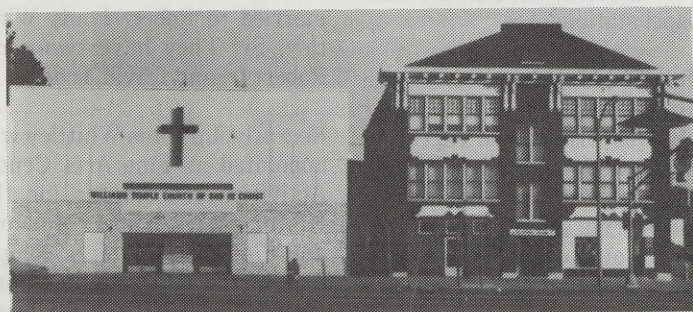
celebrations for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., as well as participating in the Gospel Music Association's Dove Award telecast in Nashville, Tenn.

Their vocal blend is so close no individual voice stands out from another.

"I think the perfect blend comes not only from being real sisters where blood is thicker than water, but we are all so very close personally and in the spirit that it all comes together as a spiritual sensitivity within the group that gives the sound," said Twinkie. "It even amazes me. You can't even cut between the sounds with a knife. It's like one voice singing with five parts."

Now with their new album, "Heart And Soul," they are clearly established as a group with a unique vocal blend and ability. Their audiences literally explode to their feet in live performances. In the words of James Bullard, general manager of the Black Music Division at Word Records: "They are the most incredible female group in the business. They are definitely the female group of the 1980's and stand alone."

WILLIAMS TEMPLE CELEBRATE



WILLIAMS TEMPLE COGIC BEFORE RENOVATION

In the year 1929, Bishop Columbus Williams founded Williams Temple as a small store front mission at 1702 Gratiot in the city of St. Louis, Missouri. The congregation has moved exactly seven times. The seventh moved brought us to our present location at 1500 No. Union Blvd.

Bishop Williams would always remind the saints, "Where there is no vision, the people perish." On April 6, 1979, five months before Williams Temple would have been in existence for 50 years, God called his Moses, Bishop Columbus Williams from

labor to reward. The mantle fell on our Joshua, Doctor Lawrence Marcellus Wooten. He, as did the Joshua of old, held up Moses arms. He had served as a choir member, Sunday school teacher, Young People Willing Worker, Deacon, and Assistant Pastor. He received his Ph.D from St. Louis University in 1979, the same year that he was installed as pastor. Pastor Wooten has been an educator and a public school administrator for over 22 years. During this time frame, he has been a public school teacher, assistant principal, principal, and Assistant to the

Superintendent of Schools. He has always acknowledged the Lord saying, "If you take care of God's business, He will surely take care of yours."

As soon as the mantle fell on his shoulder, he began to run with the vision. During his seven years of pastoring, many souls have been added to the church, bodies have been healed, blinded eyes opened, cancer casted out and other miracles and gifts of the Spirit have been manifested in our midst.

Pastor Wooten has exhorted the church many times saying, "good, better, best, never let it rest; until your good is better and your better is best". He had the main sanctuary centrally air-conditioned and painted during his first two years of pastoring. The first floor of the Educational Building has been redesigned into the Sunday School classrooms. A library and printing room will also be included on this floor.

SOUTH EAST ILLINOIS



MOTHER J. SCOTT

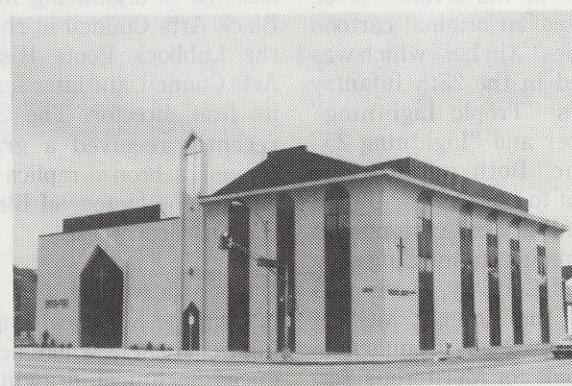
The 2nd Annual Women's Convention of Southeast, Illinois Jurisdiction of the Church of God in Christ, 1420 North 49th Street, Washington Park, Illinois, was held July 21, thru 25, 1986. The theme of the Convention was "Understanding Women Facing Today's Crisis". Supervisor Thelma Jean Scott is to be commended for being such a great leader.

The Lord showered his blessings upon Southeast, Illinois Women's Department during our convention. Burden's were lifted, joy was restored. The discouraged - encouraged. Those in need of knowledge were enlightened through studying the word of God. Each night was "Spirit" filled. God surely set his approval upon this great Convention in a tremendous manner.

The various auxiliaries of the Women's Department participated about the Convention. Evangelist Emily Bram Bibby; International known speaker of God, spoke to our hearts nightly with such poise and God given wisdom. Monday's night's service; Missionary Biddy spoke from St. John's 2-5, "Do What God tell's you to do". Tuesday night's subject was "I'm coming out". An inspiring message. Wednesday night's theme: "What you're praying for at the gate", taken from Act's 12th chapter, 13 and 14 verses. A very timely and informative message. Oh! Praise God for this 2nd glorious holy convention. God is surely blessing the Women's Department.

Friday, a delicious fellowship dinner was given; "Dinner with the President". The event was held in the fellowship hall on the lower level of the church. The decorations were beautifully done. Headed by Sister Gladys Steptoe; chairperson. The food was delicious, catered by Sister Billie Jean Watson and her co-worker, Lillian Brantly; chairperson. We thank God for these fine workers of God, also for a most "Spiritual" Convention. Mother Scott and her official cabinet displayed Christian leadership and as we come to the close of another great 2nd Annual State Women's Convention of the Southeast, Illinois Jurisdiction, let us remember for Him and through Him and to Him are all things to whom will be Glory for ever. May God bless and continue to keep our Bishop, his holy cabinet, in Grace. Amen.

Mother Jean Scott, President of Women's Department
Lillian Embrey, Reporter



AFTER RENOVATION

In 1983, Pastor Wooten received a charge from the Lord for the church; I Chronicles 28:10, "Take heed now; for the Lord hath chosen thee to build an house for the sanctuary: Be strong and do it." Not only did he receive the command, but like a Norah of old, he received the architectural plan on how to redesign and rebuild the entire church complex, that included our 1200 seat sanctuary, our three story educational building and the church parking lot and an additional church parking lot. The renovation encompasses the east side of the entire 1500 block of North Union. The construction contractors has to come to Dr. Wooten several times when they met with obstacles during the building. He would pray; God would answer, the work would proceed. His knowledge in administration has benefited the church many times. He has proposed a financial plan that

will enable a prompt, accelerated rate of retiring the loan for the total renovation of the church complex in only three years.

On July 27, 1986, the Williams Temple Church of God in Christ dedicated the new beautiful, and truly unique edifice. Mr. Leonard Riebold, who is the leading contractor in the field of building churches in the St. Louis area (having built over 20 new churches) testified, "I followed Pastor Wooten's plan and have received more compliments on this church than any that I have built. Wherever I go Williams Temple is the talk of the town." Pastor Wooten affirms emphatically, "To God Be the Glory, He gave the vision, I have simply run with the vision," Proverbs 29:8 declares: "Where there is no vision, the people perish..."

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YOUTH FOR CHRIST

It is not unusual to cite a person for contributions to church and society, however, too frequently, this occurs as a memorial. At this time the Whole Truth would invite your attention to a beautifully crafted life. There is a young lady the saints should know about. Ms. Veronica Franklin is a young woman who has overcome poverty and the prevailing conditions every young woman encounters. To the joy of her family and the saints who know her, Veronica demonstrates well what youth in Christ is about.

Veronica's story was brought to my attention by her mother, Sis. Katherine Franklin, a member at Pentecostal Temple Institutional Church of God in Christ. Every mother is happy when a child grows, achieves and takes his or her place in life. Sis. Franklin desires to share Veronica's success in order to inspire other sanctified children to achieve in life. Hopefully the message of one doing all things through Christ will take deeper meaning.

Sis. Franklin has five children, Andrew, Jane, Shirley, Pat and Veronica who was born in 1959. The family lived in the Clayborn Project in downtown Memphis. Sis. Franklin reflected how poor the family was, "We lived in real

poverty and I can remember days when not much of anything was in the house to eat."

Through it all she affirmed the benefits of salvation and church membership. The Pentecostal Temple family were supportive in various ways. Possibly involvement in the church made the difference from being poor and abjectly improvised. Veronica never allowed the plight of that day to deter her. She attended Booker T. Washington High School and was an honor student. She won a four year scholarship and selected Oral Roberts University for her institution of higher learning. Not only was she a beautiful and intellectually gifted person but she demonstrated athletic abilities as well. In college she played basketball and was a member of the women cross country team. After college she traveled the world playing basketball professionally. As a guest of the Taiwanese government she played there one year. In September 1985, Veronica was hired as head coach of women's volleyball and assistant women's basketball coach at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff.

Veronica wanted the Whole Truth to tell COGIC children a small part of her story. She



MS. VERONICA FRANKLIN

reflected, "At age sixteen, I came to an understanding about myself. I wanted to succeed in life. The athletic ability I possessed was my road to success. It was after playing sports that I found that the body is the temple of God. I could not succeed striving in sports and tearing the body down. I had to live saved for my soul and body's sake. God blessed my life and in time I served him through witnessing. In Brazil and Puerto Rico I witnessed to youth during half time of basketball games. In Taiwan I witnessed in more personal settings. All I can say is that God has been very good to me. My goals in life are simple, as I want to be a good coach and provide the witness of Christ to youth everywhere."

EVANGELIST AGAINST DRUGS

Elder Oscar L. Jefferson of New York City and missionary to Nigeria, West Africa writes to the Saints.

I am often asked (since we know that you spend about two months a year on the mission fields of Africa and Europe) what do you do in your ministry the rest of the year? I am taking this time and space to explain and solicit help from God's people. Two evenings each week the Lord impressed me to spend two hours preaching the gospel on the streets of New York City. God sent me to 42nd Street, which is a crime ridden area with pornography shops, peep shows, prostitutes and pimps; homosexuals, alcoholics and especially drug dealers and addicts.

Twice a week by the grace of God, one can find me preaching the gospel in what I consider to be the one most needed areas in the world: 42nd Street between 7th and 8th Aves. This area I've named the "drugs crossroads of America." I purchased a battery-operated loud speaker and was given about \$10.00 worth of tracts from Bible Helps, Hanover Pa. The tracts are entitled, "The New Birth" and "The story of Jesus." These two tracts are spiritually effective.

It is time I feel to share the gospel from the churches to the areas where the need is most prevalent and to the people we do not expect to attend our beautiful churches or our well organized Bible training classes. They likewise must hear the gospel of salvation through faith in the

Lord Jesus Christ; the story of Calvary, as was taught by the late Bishop's C. H. Mason and O. T. Jones, Sr. and other spirit-filled saints; mightily used of God in their day.

When I am asked what motivates me to preach the gospel in such a seemingly risky area, I'll answer by saying, "by inspiration of the Holy Spirit" and then the following points.

1. These are also people for whom Christ died.
2. They will not be in our churches on Sunday morning eager to hear the gospel.
3. The death rate of drug users to non-drug users is more ten to one.
4. Bringing a drug addict to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ does Satan's kingdom much harm.
5. He or she is obviously telling the world that they have a problem which they themselves cannot handle.
6. They are mostly young Black men either hooked or feverishly trying to make a fast dollar.
7. Each man represent either someone's husband, father, son or brother, bound by what I consider Satan's most deadly weapon against mankind: drugs.
8. I am convinced there is no hope for a drug addict outside of Christ.
9. The church will be accounta-



ELDER O. L. JEFFERSON

ble in the final judgment for failure to take them the gospel.

10. Should we fail to preach, there is a great chance the greater part of a generation could be lost.

Along with my traveling to the mission fields of West Africa each year for the past ten years, plus supporting an orphan home in Ibadon, Oyo state, Nigeria for motherless babies, I consider preaching the gospel on the streets of New York City has been most challenging. I personally praise God for selecting me for this ministry. I will return to Nigeria mid January (God willing) for two months of preaching, teaching and lecturing in about twenty of Nigeria's largest churches and Bible schools.

Your brother in his service,

Elder Oscar L. Jefferson
Hollis Queens, New York

WAITING ON YOUR CALLING

by
Dr. Rosie L. Davis

Or Ministry, Let us wait on our ministering; or he that teacheth, on teaching; or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: He that giveth, let him do it with liberality; he that ruleth with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness. Romans 12:7-8

WAIT ON YOUR CALLING

I have observed many running to and fro preaching, teaching without a message. I heard them, yet I received nothing. I believe that a real preacher is sent by God. He knows without a shadow of a doubt that he was called by God to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ. This man of God can tell you a time and place when God first commanded him to go. Going to school can help anyone, education is good, but real preachers and real Bible teachers are called by God. After they have been called, then I believe that they should study for that ministry. Time is so important in this life, and once we have been called to go preach or go teach, that is the time to start preparing yourself that you may be able to serve. Now that means that your first sermon should not be expected to be the greatest sermon that was ever preached. As a matter of fact, it may be the opposite, it may be your worse, believe me, if God told you to go you avail yourself, God will give you a message for the people.

Many people do not wait to see what their calling is. They think that preaching and teaching is everything. These are great callings of God, but they are not the only ones. God has a calling for all of his people, and he knows each one's ability. God is all wise, and He will not give anyone a job that he can't handle.

Study to shew theyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. II Tim. 2:15

Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ, gave this instruction, the key word specially for the preacher and the Bible teacher. Study to learn what to say, when to say, and who to say it to. Apostle Paul, was giving these very wonderful instructions to his son Timothy, who was a young minister at the time. These instructions are most important for us today. When one has been saved and know of no special calling, even they should read the word of God often. The word of God is food for the soul. That one who preaches and teaches to others should always have a time set aside to study daily. Young preachers, teachers, and missionaries should study each day as if they were college students getting ready for a test.

Study to shew thyself approved unto God. A workman that needed not to be ashamed. When

you have given yourself to studying the word, and waited on your calling, when you are called on to bring the message you will have no need to be ashamed. God will give you the message of the hour. You will be ready, knowing how to rightly divide the scriptures. I am just as sure as I am sitting here at my typewriter, God will give a message to all whom he has called. So I say why run before your time, or why answer before you are called, what profit is it for us to go in an area where we are not needed? God has a very special place for you, and there is a time when he will call you to come see where that place is. If you call yourself, or allow someone else to call you, and serve where God did not give you to serve, then you are too busy, God may never show you your place. Your place will be vacant because you will be so busy doing your own thing. Wait on your calling, for the Lord is the one who hires, and he is the one who fires. Even you wouldn't pay a servant for doing a job that you didn't hire him to do.

I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. St. John 9:4.

Every man, woman, boy, and girl, who is saved has a calling on their life. I believe that every individual saint of God should have this purpose in mind, That I as an individual must work the works of him that sent me. It means something to be sent by God. But if God sent, I believe that we should know what we are sent to do. God is too wise to send folks out all mixed up.

Some are called to preach the gospel, but all are not called to pastor a church. Some are called to be missionaries, but all missionaries are not called to hold a big official office, and they all are not called to go abroad to work in other countries. Some preachers are called to be evangelists who travels from church to church, city to city, and in some cases, country to country. Those evangelists goes into the pastor's churches, not to set it in order, for that is the pastor's job to set his church in order.

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CELEBRATE

I conclude:

"Where there is a vision, the people flourish."

How appropriate that in the fiftieth year - the year of New Beginning, we received our new Shepherd. In his seventh year - the year of completion, we received our newly completely-remodeled sanctuary. This is the Lord's Doing and It is Marvelous to our Eyes.

By Missionary Sharon Phillips

PEOPLE

BIOGRAPHY

MOTHER HALL



MO. B. R. MCCOY HALL

Born to Alice and Allen McCoy, September 29, 1900, in Fordyce, Arkansas and was saved in 1915.

I went to a big meeting at Little Bay, Arkansas. Minister Lewis Jettney Hall came up to me and asked if he could correspond with me. We had two chaperoned visits, became engaged and were married one year later at the Fordyce church, August 17, 1916. We moved to Thornton, Arkansas, to a nice two-bedroom home that Minister Hall had prepared. Each bedroom had a bed, wash stand, dresser and chair. The kitchen had a table, stove and cupboard. Minister Hall worked in a Saw Mill. July 31, 1918, James Leroy was born. I went home for the big event and stayed with mother. From there we moved to Tyler, Texas and the following year to Paul's Valley, Oklahoma where we started to work out a church. It was there that we lost our home by fire. Everything but a trunk was lost. We went home to Fordyce and on February 2, 1921 Milton Lee was born. In the spring, Mother Nancy Gamble, Minister Hall's sister asked him to come to Orange, New Jersey to be ordained at the State Meeting. They gave him a church in New Brunswick New Jersey where the membership had declined to only one member. We had service on the street until we found a building. Later, we built a church on Comstock Street. June 14, 1923 Frances May was born and on January 21, 1925 came Cleophas.

100TH BIRTHDAY



MRS. M. B. WALKER

Mattie Blackwell Walker celebrated her 100th birthday on June 11, 1986. She was honored with a pre-birthday cake celebra-

We proceeded to Indiana Harbor, later called East Chicago to start a church. We were on the street until a building was found. John Darnell was born May 29, 1927 and later came Betty Ruth on October 8, 1929. We moved back to Thornton, Arkansas. While there the following children were born; March 24, 1932 Miriam Elizabeth; October 27, 1934 Alice Jean; August 29, 1936 Dorothy Sue and March 23, 1939 Charlotte Ann. Elder Hall pastored and built in Texarkansas, Magnolia and Carthage. My daughter Frances died at the age of 11 years old. We moved back to East Chicago after the saints and Mother Gamble called, but Father Hall was not pastor. Elder Hall ran revivals and preached different places and worked in the Mill.

In 1941 Helen Joyce was born and lived only one hour. In 1942, Elder Hall was asked by Elder Bowling to come to Kokomo to start a church. Mother Gamble came and found the Fish Market on Kennedy Street. In that edifice a church was started. March 27, 1943, Louise Jeanette was born, my last!!! In June, we moved to Kokomo. We lived in the church and at night we slept on the church benches. In October we moved into our house on Kennedy. The Lord blessed us to build a church on Delphos Street in 1964.

God has blessed. He has not been shorter than his promise. He truly has been good to me and my family. I worked right along with my husband in all the churches worked out. He became Pastor Emeritus in 1972 and went on to meet the Lord in 1975. I am now a work worn saint giving God my life. I can testify as Paul said, I have kept the faith for (71) years and I have walked with God. His word has been my daily guide and I have never departed from Him.

by
Mrs. Louise Hall-James

tion by her church, Canty Memorial COGIC. Ms. Walker was born on June 11, 1885 in Clarendon County. She is the sixth of seven children, born to Mr. and Mrs. William Blackwell. She is a member of Canty Memorial COGIC, located in Sumter, South Carolina. Here she serves as honorary church mother and president of Home and Foreign Mission. Mother Walker is dedicated, faithful, and is the perfect example of the holy woman which the second chapter of Titus, verse 5 speaks of. She is the living handiwork of God. The members of Canty Memorial are very grateful, and appreciative to have her as a member of the church. Mother Walker always have words of wisdom to share with the members. her words of encouragement are always a blessing to those who welcome her presence.

The Wedding Ceremony joining Vrai Dawn and William Charles Morris took place Saturday evening, May 24, 1986 at Saintsville COGIC, 2200 South Marsalis Ave. in Dallas, Texas.

Vrai is the youngest daughter of the Right Reverend J. Neaul Haynes and Mrs. Vivian King Haynes and William is the eldest son of Mr. William B. Morris and Mrs. Carolyn G. Morris. The ceremony was performed by the father of the bride, the Right Reverend J. Neaul Haynes, Presiding Prelate, Texas Northeast, General Board Member and Elder Nathan A. Shofner, Special Associate Pastor of Saintsville.

The Wedding ground was a beautiful garden setting with flowers from Holland, Japan and Hawaii. The platform background was covered with lighted Shefflera plants decked with white doves and yellow canaries. The center platform was ornamented with 100 lighted candles on golden candle arbors draped with exotic fern. Fifty Shefflera plants with Gladiolus blooms surrounded the lower front sides of the platform. The two long aisles were decked with ninety-two pew markers made of beautiful arrangements of Golden Blade Dutch Lillies, Dutch Daisy Mums, White Carnations and Exotic Fern. Arrangements of thirty-six inch yellow Roses, Gladiolus, white and yellow Fujii Spider Mums with large Ti Leaves and Exotic Fern hang from the walls of the sanctuary. This unusual garden setting was done by Bobby and Judy Martin of the Garden Club of Dallas.

INSPIRATIONAL TALK

by
Dora L. Monroe

Man at his best, without God, is a study in nothingness. No spiritual life, for life belongs to God. No compassion, for it's God who takes out of man a stony heart, and replaces it with a heart of flesh, that feels compassion one for another.

It seemed impossible, according to the nature of wild beasts, that Daniel could have spent the night, alive, in a lion's den, But Daniel was with God. The lion is the king of beasts, but God is the maker of beasts.

It seemed impossible that the three Hebrew boys could have been cast into a burning fiery furnace, and not have even their hair singed, or the smell of smoke in their clothing, but they were with God in the burning fiery furnace.

It seemed impossible that Mary, a virgin, could conceive, without having known a man, but Mary was with God. Highly favored among women, she was overshadowed by the Holy Ghost and brought forth her first born son and called his name Jesus, for he came to save his people from their sins.



MRS. VRAI H. MORRIS

Several hundred guests filled the sanctuary hours before the ceremony began. The atmosphere was calmed by the musical prelude by Mr. McClel Anderson. Mrs. Vivian Haynes, the bride's mother was seated by Mr. Keith King wearing an elegant white dress and hat trimmed in silver by Phylis for Bianchi. Mr. and Mrs. Morris were seated by Mr. Wayne Rogers. Mrs. Morris wore a beautiful multi-colored sequence dress by Judith Ann. Both mothers wore wrists corsages of Rubirum Oriental Lilies. There were fourteen special aunts wearing Cymbidium Orchids from Hawaii.

The audience was "at attention" as the groom entered wearing a white tuxedo with Best Man, Mr. Leon Morgan, followed by Elder Shofner.

The Matron of Honor, Mrs. Pia S. Haynes William, sister of the bride wore a lovely Moire Tafeta yellow dress and carried a

bouquet of thirty-six inch Callas lilies, Tube Roses, Aerriradium lilies. The eight bridesmaids wore stylish yellow taffeta dresses and carried bouquetss similar to the Matron of Honor. Groomsmen wore white tuxedos with yellow roses and white Friesia boutineirs.

Bridesmaids were: Mrs. Rene Coleman, Mrs. Wanda Cullins, Ms. Millie Hill, Ms. Vanessa Hill, Ms. Michele King, Ms. Micheon King, Ms. Cathye Smith and Ms. Joyce Timmons.

Groomsmen were: Mr. Greg Cross, Mr. Tony Ellis, Mr. David Hill, Mr. J. R. Hill, Mr. Keith Hill, Mr. Reginal Hill, Mr. Victor Smith, Mr. Sam Wilson. Flowers girls, Miss Daislyn C. Cox and Miss Tierney Hill wore white dresses to spread flowers along the bride's path. Ringbearers, Master Jarrad Ford and Master Jamaad Small wore white suits to carry the rings.

The exciting moment came as the three part Trumpeters of Creative Art Magnet School sounded the trumpet tune for the presentation of the bride. The lovely bride wore an exquisite wedding gown by Sposabella and carried a large bouquet of yellow and white Oriental lilies, white Roses, English Ivy weaved with Diamon Dust Cover. Bishop Haynes presented the bride clad in his red-purple single breasted Roman styled Cassock, finished with deep cuffed sleeves with a detachable shoulder Cape. He wore the Cassock under a white laced-trimmed traditional Rochet with a light purple ribbon sash. He wore a black Buerretta with a red-purple Tassle.

The Call to Celebration was given by Elder Shofner as Bishop Haynes remained in rear of the bride and groom to answer the question, "Who giveth this woman to be wed?" He answered, "Her mother and I" Afterwards, he moved immediately in place and proceeded with the Charge, Declaration of Intent, Vows, Blessings and Exchange of Rings. The Wedding Prayer was given as the bride and groom knealt at a small white altar. The Wedding Prayer solo was sung by Mrs. Pia Haynes Williams.

Two individual candles were lighted by the mothers of the bride and groom in preparation for the lighting of the Unity Candle. Mr. Leon King sang "One Hand, One Heart" as the bride and groom joined the flames of unity.

The Declaration of marriage was made and the groom claimed his bride with a kiss.

Special guests to the wedding were; Mrs. Mildred Sullinas, California; Dr. S. E. Mitchell, Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Gus Newman, Fort Worth; Rev. F. W. Smith, Dallas; Mrs. Ruby Anderson, California; Mrs. Inez Reed and Sister Eloise King of Dallas.

A five-hundred (500) guests reception was held following the

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C. L. ANDERSON CELEBRATES 20th - 27th

Monday, October 27, 1986 will forever be a night to be remembered in the state of Michigan. The GREAT LAKES JURISDICTION OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN and congregation of the ANDERSON MEMORIAL CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST commemorated the "Blessed 20th Bishopric and 27th Pastoral Anniversary" of Bishop C. L. Anderson, Jr.

The truly festive occasion was celebrated with a "Black Tie Dinner" and the Westin Hotel in Renaissance Center in Downtown Detroit.

The affair was attended by more than 400 Saints and delegates from across the State of Michigan and around the Nation. Some of the notable attendees were:

Bishop Wm. Rimson, Assistant to the Bishop of Great Lakes Jurisdiction

Bishop W. Harris, Jurisdictional Bishop - Southwest Michigan No. 1

Bishop E. J. Wright, Jurisdictional Bishop - Southwest Michigan No. 2

Bishop A. T. Harrison, Bishop - 1st Jurisdiction of Ontario Canada

Bishop David L. Ellis, Bishop - Greater Grace of the Apostolic Faith

Mrs. Erma Henderson, President, Detroit City Council

Mr. Richard Austin, Michigan Secretary of State

Ms. Mary Peak, Utopia Tours of Travel - Memphis, Tennessee.

Mrs. Mary Nell Hines, Widow of the late Elder A. J. Hines, Houston Texas

The guest dined magnificently on Top Sirloin Steak along with other scrumptious delights while they gleamed at the beautifully decorated ballroom.

The evening was highlighted by two distinguished speakers. Dr. Charles Quillen of Southampton, New York, gave an eloquent oration on the "Call of a Pastor," his journey, his goals and his great "well done reward" at the end of the road.



BISHOP & MRS. C. L. ANDERSON, JR.

General Board Member, Bishop O. T. Jones, Jr., of Philadelphia, Pa., climaxed the evening speaking of the "high calling of a Bishop." The audience was elevated as he spoke of the attributes of a Bishop, his life and his calling.

Bishop C. L. Anderson, Jr. was born in Marked Tree, Arkansas on February 7, 1923, the second child of the late Bishop C. L. Anderson and Mrs. Ida Mae Anderson.

Bishop Anderson accepted Christ at an early age and was saved and baptized in the Holy Ghost. He was educated in the Detroit Public Schools and graduated from Detroit Divinity Institute and Detroit Bible College.

He received his call to the ministry while serving as Chaplain's assistant in the U.S. Army.

Bishop Anderson has been successful in meeting many desired goals, building and paying off the indebtedness of the Church he pastors (a 15 year mortgage within 7 years). The expansion of the Church has been completed and re-dedicated to the glory of God. The church and its surrounding properties has a total value of over \$800,000. We are grateful for a leader whose life, works and deeds have touched so many.

Prior to his appointment to the Bishopric, he served faithfully in the Northeastern Jurisdiction of Michigan as Pastor, District Superintendent and Assistant Secretary. Presently, he is Jurisdictional Bishop of Great Lakes Ecclesiastical Jurisdictional Church of God in Christ, Inc. and also serves as one of the 12

elected Bishops on the General Board of the Church.

The Great Lakes Jurisdiction was named by the late Senior Bishop Ozro T. Jones. Bishop Jones was born in Ft. Smith, Arkansas and called to the Ministry in 1912. During his lifetime, many significant contributions to the Church were made by him. Among these: he founded the Youth Department and served as National Youth President for many years; he wrote and published the Young Peoples' Willing Workers Quarterly Topics; he established the National Youth Congress, an annual Convention which later became the second largest national meeting in the Church of God in Christ, and finally, in his wisdom and being led by God, he saw the leadership capabilities possessed by Pastor Anderson and appointed him to the Bishopric.

We give honor and respect to our Pastor and his wife. We are grateful to God for allowing us the opportunity to be blessed to come through another year, having a Pastor who has shouldered his responsibility both to the Church, his Flock and his Jurisdiction ready to encounter the difficulties, giving himself to the service of the Lord, preaching the Gospel and leaving the success to God.

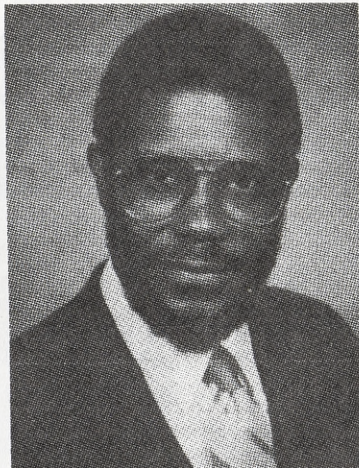
This is the "Blessed 20th Anniversary" of the Great Lakes Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction. Twenty years blessed by God. Twenty years that we have come this far by faith.

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DAVIS

leaves to celebrate his homegoing his wife of 41 years, Gladys Bonaparte Davis of El Cerrito, one daughter, Pamela Davis Myles, one son, Mark Davis, both of Richmond, one grandson, Jason Myles, 2 sisters, Leona Cheek of Pittsburg and Effie Rollins of Las Vegas, 2 brothers, James Davis of New York and Johnny Davis of Texas; a host of nieces and nephews, the Saints of McGlothen Temple Church of God in Christ, the California Northwest Jurisdiction of the Church of God in Christ, and a multitude of friends.

INSTALLATION OF W. F. FAUST



hassee, Florida. He has since taken numerous graduate courses in Management.

He met and married Christal Steel and they became the proud parents of five children; Kristen, Katrina, Willie III, Archie and Phillip.

He served in the United States Army and has been employed by the Federal Government as an Analyst and Logistician in the Washington, D.C. Metro Area. He has traveled extensively in the United States and abroad.

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**BISHOP C. D. KINSEY,
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Jurisdictional Bishop of
the Church of God in
Christ Central Florida
Third Jurisdiction**

Willie Franklin Faust, Jr. was born to Elder Willie Franklin Faust, Sr. and Celestine Faust, in Jacksonville, Florida on June 23, 1941. He attended New Stanton Senior High School, Jacksonville, Florida, where he received his High School Diploma. He received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in French from the Florida A and M University, Tallahassee, Florida.

For the last twenty-one years he has been a member of the Refreshing Spring Church of God in Christ, Riverdale, Maryland, where Elder A. D. Headen is pastor. It was there that he received his call, training and experience in the ministry. He has served as Sunday School Superintendent, Deacon, Trustee, and Business Manager.

He was ordained an Elder in 1974 by Bishop Samuel Kelsey, Prelate of the Washington, D.C. Jurisdiction of the Church of God in Christ.

Elder Faust was appointed by Pastor Headen in 1975, to assist in the care of the congregation at Refreshing Spring Church of God in Christ during the Pastor's absence, and served in that capacity until his recent appointment as Pastor of Faust Temple Church of God in Christ, Jacksonville, Florida.

The couple spent their honeymoon in Acapulco, Mexico. They will reside in Dallas, Texas.

Texas Northeast Jurisdiction
Thea Glover, Reporter

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MANTLE

So often young people, when our loyalties are tested they break down. Most of us place self-interest, personal desires and personal goals above everything else! In this scripture we see an example of selfless devotion that became an open thoroughfare (a thru way) into a place of honor that was also a place in the will of God for him.

Let me encourage you to follow your leader closely. You can't follow for a while and drop out and pick flowers by the way; you can't be in and out and up and down, and off and on! You've got to keep up!

GOD HAS A MANTLE FOR YOU

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HAYNES

ceremony at the stately Crescent Hotel. The Wedding Cake was a masterpiece from "IDA MAE'S" Cakes of Distinction. It was a soft fantasy cake strewn with lilies of the valley and pale green leaves. The Groom's Cake was also from IDA MAE'S and it was Chocolate Cake with shades of chocolate fruits and nuts.

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DEAN

Finally, he also leaves 2 churches who endeared themselves to him as his spiritual Mothers, Fathers, Sisters, Brothers and Children.

This man I often referred to as "MY BOYFRIEND" or "PARTNER" or "MY HUSBAND" was in control in his house and churches until the end. But "THEN COMETH THE END." It was impossible for any of us standing by his bedside to rule these words out of life. You tell of any process, you trace out how it is going to work from step to step, you see how cause opens into effect, and then effect, becoming cause, opens into further effect beyond; but always by-and-by, your thought comes to a stoppage and a change. The process is exhausted. "THEN COMETH THE END." Your story has to round out itself to that.

Lovingly submitted by: HIS WIFE



From Left to Right: Bishop O. T. Jones, Jr. Sis. Hazel J. Anderson, Bishop C. L. Anderson, Jr., Dr. Charles E. Quillen.

PORTRAIT OF A WORKER

Evangelist Mildred Christian Bratcher...She called herself a "silent worker" and she was; quiet, reserved, unassuming. Her strength of character however, was vociferous to declare a strong devotion to her church and an unwavering belief in the almighty God. Her character was the foundation upon which her accomplishments were built.

Funeral services for our beloved Sis. Bratcher were held Friday, September 19th at the Emmanuel Church of God in Christ in Los Angeles. Elder Leroy Mardis, pastor delivered the eulogy.

Other participants included Bishop P. A. Brooks, general board member of Detroit, Michigan, Bishop Charles E. Blake, jurisdictional prelate of the Southern California First Jurisdiction, Bishop George McKinney and Bishop B. J. Crouch. Mrs. Norma Burrell represented Mother McGlothen and the National Women's Department. Eld. E. J. O'Neal of Redwood City, California represented the National Headquarters Finance Office. State Supervisors, Dr. Lillian A. Morris and Mother Gertie Houston also had remarks.

Evang. Bratcher was born December 23, 1915 in Memphis, Tennessee to the parentage of the late Eld. Harry T. and Evang. Bessie Christian. She was the granddaughter of the late Evangelist Laurel Christian. In 1932, Mildred graduated from Booker T. Washington High School in Memphis. She attended Wayne University in

Detroit, Michigan where she received a degree in Business Administration. She accepted Christ as her personal Saviour at a very young age.

After coming to Los Angeles, she became a member of the Grace Memorial Church pastored by the late Eld. W. J. Taylor. In 1954, she joined the Emmanuel Church pastored by the late Bishop S. M. Crouch, now pastored by Eld. Leroy Mardis.

Mildred was employed by the Golden State Mutual Life Insurance Company for thirty years. Upon retiring she was Supervisor of the Financial Service Department.

She worked untiringly in the Church of God in Christ. Her offices and achievements included:

NATIONAL CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST--Recording Secretary in the International Women's Conventions, member of the Hospitality Board and a member of the Finance Board for the General Headquarters of the COGIC.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FIRST JURISDICTION

Financial Secretary, President of the Courtesy Board, Secretary of the Advisory Board, of the State Women's Department.

EMMANUEL CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

President of the Mother's Board, member of the Pulpit Guild, member of the Senior Hospital-



ity Board and Financial Secretary.

She organized the Purity Class of the Jurisdiction and was the State President for many years. She was the Field Representative of the COGIC Hospital Fund.

She will be greatly missed by all who knew her. Her motto was "If a task is once begun, never leave it until its done; be the task great or small, do it well or not at all.

She leaves to cherish her memory; an aunt Mrs. Thelma Fraser; a cousin, Cherly Denise Fraser of Miami, Florida; other cousins of Chicago, Illinois and a host of spiritual brothers and sisters and friends.

Submitted by:

Mrs. Barbara McCoo Lewis
So. Calif. First Jurisdiction
Dr. Lillian A. Morris, Supervisor
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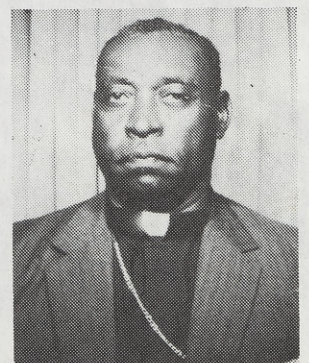
PERCY, who now had become a licensed minister, and Louise who was already an aspiring missionary, moved back to the Mississippi Delta and took up farming with his father. He even built houses and also became a licensed barber. But it soon became apparent to all that knew him that preaching the gospel had first place in his life. Bishop Lyles ordained him and appointed him to the Evangelist Board. At the same time, his wife received Missionary license from Mother Beck. In his early ministry he traveled North, South, East, and West with his wife, children, a drum set, and his wife's accordion and tambourine--sometimes hitchhiking, walking, or riding a wagon--to carry the gospel. He was loved by Pastors, laymen, old, and young for his down-to-earth, practical, and forthright preaching. Frequent visits with such pastors as Bishop Lyles, Elder P. J. Henderson (now Bishop), Supt. Sheard, and Supt. Pleas kept him fired and inspired for those trying times. ELDER PERCY DEAN conducted weekly street services in towns where there were no churches, and preached out his first church north of Indianola, Mississippi, on a plantation.

The Lord put his seal of approval on ELDER DEAN'S pastoral work and he was, therefore, entrusted with other pastorates as the need arose: Browning and Moorhead then Yazoo City and Lexington. As he left each place, there existed the mutual feeling of love between "priest and people", even until his death.

When the office of State President of Youth Department became vacant, the outgoing President requested that ELDER PERCY DEAN be placed in that position. Bishop Lyle wholeheartedly approved this request and appointed ELDER DEAN to serve. Unanimous

assent came from all concerned. Serving with dignity, he has poured his heart and soul into the Department ever since. Besides preaching the Word, he sought to enhance the spiritual growth of Young People by providing an outlet for their music and speaking talents; giving awards and college scholarships for out-standing performances in the pre-musicals and oratorical contests. About four years ago the Lord led him to build a dormitory to provide additional sleeping facilities for the Congress delegates--and so he did.

While at the Southern Hills Medical Center in Nashville, Tennessee, at about 11 p. m., September 10, 1986, "GOD TOOK HIM". ELDER PERCY DEAN, SR. leaves to cherish his memory a devoted wife, Missionary Louise Dean; 5 sons, Percy Dean, Jr., Elder Jonathan Dean, Nathaniel Dean, Samuel Dean, and James Bernard Dean; 2 daughters, Helen Ware and Priscilla Slade; a mother-in-law, Missionary Bessie Malone; 2 daughters-in-law, Rose Claybon Dean and Denise Randle Dean; 2 sons-in-law, Vester Ware, Sr. and Alzo Slade; 8 grandchildren; 4 brothers, Alvin C. Dean, Elder William Dean, Jr., Paul H. Dean, and Percel Dean; 3 sisters-in-law, Iris, Margie, and Barbara Jean Dean; a host of nieces and nephews; and countless other relatives and friends.



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OBITUARY

On May 17, 1922, in Sturgis, Kentucky, God gave to the earth a baby boy who was named PERCY by his sainted parents William and Lovie Dean. This child was brought up in the fear and admonition of the Lord and accepted Jesus as his personal saviour at an early age. Most of his boyhood days were spent in Madisonville, Kentucky, and Cincinnati, Ohio. Many there give testimony of how PERCY'S boyhood sermons in their homes and on the streets were the cause of them being saved.

PERCY'S parents moved to the Canton/Sharon, Mississippi, community when he was eleven years old. He attended high school in Canton. His family became one of the largest black land owners and farmers of the area. When just a teenager he presided as YPWW President and Sunday School Superintendent at St. Mark Church of God in Christ, Sharon, Mississippi.

It was during the summer of 1945, that a young girl named Louise Bell came home to Chi-

cago from Warren, Ohio, where she was attending high school. The young man PERCY heard her singing: "You've Got the River of Jordan to Cross," and he decided right then and there that this was his wife. After consultation with the Lord and his parents, he was convinced that this was indeed "love at first sight". After a brief courtship, the Lord put us together as husband and wife and so to live until death parted us. To this union were born five boys and two girls.

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